



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re U.S. Patent Application of</b>	)	
<b>ATSUMORI et al.</b>	)	<b>Art Unit 3715</b>
<b>Application Number: 10/771,450</b>	)	<b>Examiner</b>
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<b>For: TRAINING ASSISTANT SYSTEM</b>	)	
<b>Attorney Docket No. NITT.0184</b>	)	

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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated December 23, 2008 in the above identified application, the shortened statutory period for response of which is set to expire on May 23, 2009, with an RCE and a two-month extension filed herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: